

House Resolution No. 1144

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives take tremendous pleasure in recognizing those governmental employees who have brought honor to the Show-Me State through their professionalism and willingness to intervene in life-threatening situations; and

Whereas, Corrections Training Officer Allen L. Hughes of Bernie, Missouri, will be awarded the Missouri Department of Corrections Lifesaver Award during ceremonies to be held on March 21, 2005, at Southeast Correctional Center in Charleston; and

Whereas, on August 4, 2004, CTO Allen Hughes was en route to work at Southeast Correctional Center when he came upon a one-vehicle accident involving an eighteen-wheel semi-tractor trailer that had overturned; and

Whereas, CTO Allen Hughes was the first person to arrive on the scene and quickly observed that the driver of the truck was pinned inside and could not escape; and

Whereas, CTO Allen Hughes witnessed a lot of smoke coming from the engine compartment and went to a nearby residence to obtain a fire extinguisher in case a fire erupted; and

Whereas, CTO Allen Hughes attempted to comfort and reassure the seriously injured driver in spite of the fact that he was hauling very toxic and explosive materials; and

Whereas, CTO Allen Hughes stayed with the driver, risking his own well-being until emergency vehicles arrived on the scene and extricated the driver who was airlifted to a hospital in Cape Girardeau in serious condition; and

Whereas, Allen Hughes' dedication to his profession, his ability to remain calm in a stressful situation, and his competence to react with sound judgement utilizing skills learned in Department training helped save the life of the driver; and

Whereas, Allen Hughes has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include his wife, Karen; and four children, Jessica, Kaycee, Candice, and Christen:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the training and practices of CTO Allen Hughes and to congratulate him upon his well-deserved selection to receive the Department of Corrections Lifesaver Award; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Corrections Training Officer Allen L. Hughes, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Otto Bean, Jr.
District No. 163

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1144, adopted March 10, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker